

House Bill 1067 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 6 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to interstate cooperation, so as to change certain provisions relating to the membership of the Georgia Commission on Interstate Cooperation; to define a certain term; to provide for allowances; to change certain provisions relating to functions of the Georgia Commission on Interstate Cooperation; to change certain provisions relating to a declaration that the Council of State Governments, Council of State Governments–Clairmont Road, L.L.C., and Southern Legislative Conference are joint governmental agencies of this state; to provide that certain organizations are joint governmental agencies of this state; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 6 of Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to interstate cooperation, is amended by striking Code Section 28-6-2, relating to creation and membership of the Georgia Commission on Interstate Cooperation, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"28-6-2.

(a) There is established the Georgia Commission on Interstate Cooperation. The commission shall be composed of 15 regular members:

- (1) The five members of the Senate Committee on Interstate Cooperation;
- (2) The five members of the House Committee on Interstate Cooperation; and
- (3) The five members of the Governor's Committee on Interstate Cooperation.

(b) The chairperson of the Senate Committee on Interstate Cooperation and the chairperson of the House Committee on Interstate Cooperation shall be cochairpersons of the commission.

1 (c) The Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of  
2 Representatives shall be ex officio honorary nonvoting members of this commission. ~~The~~  
3 ~~chairman of the Governor's Committee on Interstate Cooperation shall be ex officio~~  
4 ~~chairman of this commission."~~

## 5 SECTION 2.

6 Said chapter is further amended by inserting following Code Section 28-6-1 a new Code  
7 section to read as follows:

8 "28-6-1.1.

9 As used in this chapter, the term 'nonpartisan legislative organization' means an  
10 organization whose membership is limited to legislators and which does not align itself  
11 with and is not funded by a political party."

## 12 SECTION 3.

13 Said chapter is further amended by striking Code Section 28-6-3, relating to functions of the  
14 Georgia Commission on Interstate Cooperation, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

15 "28-6-3.

16 It shall be the function of the commission to:

17 (1) Carry forward the participation of this state as a member of ~~the Council of State~~  
18 ~~Governments and of the Southern Legislative Conference~~ any regional, national, or  
19 international nonpartisan legislative organization that promotes interstate or international  
20 cooperation;

21 (2) Encourage and assist the legislative, executive, administrative, and judicial officials  
22 and employees of this state to develop and maintain friendly contact by correspondence,  
23 by conference, and otherwise with officials and employees of the other states, of the  
24 federal government, and of local units of government;

25 (3) Endeavor to advance cooperation between this state and other units of government  
26 whenever it seems advisable to do so by formulating proposals for and by facilitating:

27 (A) The adoption of compacts;

28 (B) The enactment of uniform or reciprocal statutes;

29 (C) The adoption of uniform or reciprocal administrative rules and regulations;

30 (D) The informal cooperation of governmental offices with one another;

31 (E) The personal cooperation of governmental officials and employees with one  
32 another;

33 (F) The interchange and clearance of research and information; and

34 (G) Any other suitable process; and

(4) Do all such acts as will, in the opinion of the commission, enable this state to do its part or more in forming a more perfect union among the various governments in the United States and in promoting international relations by developing the Council of State Governments nonpartisan legislative organizations for that purpose such purposes."

#### SECTION 4.

Said chapter is further amended by striking Code Section 28-6-7, relating to a declaration that the Council of State Governments, Council of State Governments–Clairmont Road, L.L.C., and Southern Legislative Conference are joint governmental agencies of this state, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"28-6-7.

Any nonpartisan legislative organization in which this state is a participant pursuant to paragraph (1) of Code Section 28-6-3 and which has its regional or national headquarters located in this state is ~~The Council of State Governments, the Council of State Governments - Clairmont Road, L. L. C. (of which the Council of State Governments is the sole member), and the Southern Legislative Conference are each~~ declared to be a joint governmental agency of this state and of the other states which cooperate through them it."

#### SECTION 5.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.